

Final Minutes of the  
San Joaquin River Management Program  
Action Team Meeting  
May 16, 2001

Stanislaus County Agricultural Center  
Modesto, California

## **Introductions and Approval of Minutes**

The San Joaquin River Management Program Action Team met in the Main Conference Room of the Stanislaus Building at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center in Modesto, California. There were no comments on the draft minutes of the March 28, 2001, meeting. Draft minutes from the most recent meeting and pertinent documents are posted on the SJRMP website at:

<http://www.dpla.water.ca.gov/sjd/sjrmpp/index.html>

## **SJRMP Goals, Principles and Actions, MOU/Signatories**

Paula Landis briefed the group on the origination of the MOU and the importance of having one for the SJRMP. There was some discussion on the Signatories to the MOU if programs are to be included. Suggestions from the group included adding programs, those who want to sign on, and also breaking the list into categories. A revised list will be prepared for the next Advisory Council meeting. The group also voted to make the MOU an Action Item for the next Advisory Council meeting.

## **CALFED Update**

Dan Wermeil, with the CALFED Watershed Program, gave a presentation to the group about the program and the status of the watershed proposal solicitation packages (PSP). Wermeil discussed the program opportunities for future funds, support, and other assistance. Wermeil went on to explain to the group the proposal selection process and the determinations made by CALFED. He mentioned that the final selection process is to be completed by early June and funds need to be committed by June 15, 2001 before DWR closes its books. The next funding cycles are dependent upon legislation and could occur next 2 years. The Drinking Water Quality PSP's will begin May 17, 2001 and the Ecosystem Restoration Program will begin their PSP sometime in June.

## **SJR Selenium TMDL**

Les Grober, SWRCB updated on the San Joaquin River Selenium TMDL. A handout of his previous presentation was passed out to the group. Grober mentioned that the TMDLs for selenium took 15 years of effort. The Regional Water Quality Control Board is developing a water quality & assessment program for TMDLs. Also from the TMDLs,

load and loading limits are being determined. Grober mentioned that the final technical TMDL report should be approved by USEPA by this summer. The selenium TMDL will be a model for other TMDLs.

### **West Stanislaus Stream Project**

Karen Enstrom, DWR Flood Management Division, and Josh Garcia, USACE, attended the meeting to explain to the group the flood control issues associated with the West Stanislaus Stream Project. The project will address local flooding issues as well as damage caused to the California Aqueduct and the Delta Mendota Canal. Enstrom explained that the SJRMP would be a good sounding board for a flood protection project. A scoping meeting will be held in August in the town of Patterson and a draft report will be submitted by December of 2001.

### **Other**

#### **Aggradation Control**

Alex Hildebrand, SJRFCA & SDWA, brought up the issues of Aggradation Control. Hildebrand mentioned that people now understand aggradation and its clear that something has to be done about it. A higher level meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2001 to discuss the issues further. Hildebrand will continue to update the group on the subject.

#### **Grassland Bypass Project**

Mike Delamore, USBR, expanded on the issues regarding the selenium discharge to the San Joaquin River. He explained that they are in the final stages of completing the EIS. Delamore also mentioned that financial support will be needed in the future and a letter of support from SJRMP would help facilitate the process.

Next Action Team Meeting: July 24, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. Stanislaus County Agricultural Center in Modesto, CA.

**SJRMP ACTION TEAM MEETING**  
**Of**  
**May 16, 2001**

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